

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting head for a brush cutter, edge trimmer or similar, the head ~~being of the type including~~ comprising a passage for a cutter string (300) and a movable locking element (400) for locking the string, ~~suitable for locking the string between the locking element itself and a backing wall, the head being characterized in that wherein a cross-section of~~ the locking element ~~presents a section in a direction extending~~ taken transversely to the string that presents at least one recess (403) forming a longitudinal groove extending along the string, with contact being made between the locking element and the string at least on either side of the longitudinal groove ~~recess~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element (400) includes gripping arrangements (404) for gripping the string.

3. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 2, characterized in that the gripping arrangements comprise teeth (404).

4. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element includes a longitudinal groove (403).

5. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1 [[4]], characterized in that the groove presents a rounded section.

6. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1 [[4]], characterized in that the groove presents an angular section.

7. (Original) A cutting head according to claim 6, characterized in that the groove presents a rectangular section.

8. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, characterized in that the groove is of width smaller than the width of the string ~~(300)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element ~~(400)~~ is of section substantially complementary to the section of the string.

10. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, characterized in that the groove presents a V-shaped section.

11. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1 ~~[[4]]~~, characterized in that the groove presents a circularly arcuate section.

12. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element ~~(400)~~ comprises a cam.

13. (Currently Amended) A cutting head according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking element ~~(400)~~ comprises a shoe that is movable in translation.

14. (Previously Presented) A vegetation cutting device such as a brush cutter, edge trimmer or similar, characterized in that it includes a cutting head according to claim 1 and a motor suitable for driving said head in rotation.

15. (New) A cutting head for a brush cutter, edge trimmer or similar, the head being of the type including a passage for a cutter string and a moving element for locking the string, suitable for locking the string between itself and a backing wall, the head being characterized in that the locking element presents two rows of teeth separated by a central groove.

16. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the groove

presents a rounded section.

17. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the groove presents an angular section.

18. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the groove presents a rectangular section.

19. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the groove is of width smaller than the width of the string.

20. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the locking element is of section substantially complementary to the section of the string.

21. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the groove presents a V-shaped section.

22. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the groove presents a circularly arcuate section.

23. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the locking element comprises a cam.

24. (New) A cutting head according to claim 15, characterized in that the locking element comprises a shoe that is movable in translation.

25. (New) A vegetation cutting device comprising a cutting head according to claim 15 and a motor suitable for driving said head in rotation.